

August 9, 2002

Mary Cottrell Secretary Department of Telecommunications and Energy One South Station -2^{nd} Floor Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Via Hand Delivery & Email

Re: D.T.E. 02-40; Comments by ISO New England Inc. Regarding the Investigation by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy on its own Motion into the Provision of Default Service

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Please find enclosed an original and ten (10) copies of "Comments of ISO New England Inc.," filed by ISO New England Inc., concerning D.T.E. 02-38 – Investigation by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy on its own Motion into the Provision of Default Service. An additional copy has been enclosed, to be date stamped received, and returned with the messenger.

ISO New England Inc. has separately transmitted today an electronic copy of these comments by email. Consistent with the Department's suggestion regarding facilitating service in this Docket, the ISO has emailed an electronic copy of the comments to those individuals identified by the Department.

If you have any questions concerning this filing, please contact the undersigned at (413) 535-4029.

Sincerely,

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Matthew F. Goldberg Senior Regulatory Counsel ISO New England Inc.

Cc: D.T.E. 02-40 & Service List (Via Email) Jeanne Voveris, MA D.T.E. (Via Email)